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INHIBITING PARATHYROID HORMONE

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated February 24, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to this action is due on May 24, 2004. As this response is filed on May 24, 2004 it is considered timely filed.

The Applicant has given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection. The following amendments and remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.